

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11 as follows:

Still another aspect of this invention is a trim level piece comprising an insert having at least one through hole and further including a decorative surface[[,]] and a backing; a resin backing associated with the insert backing; and at least one resin feature located on the insert decorative surface.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 12 as follows:

A fourth trim level piece 40 is shown in Figures 5A and 5B. Fourth trim level piece 40 includes a decorative wooden piece 42 and a resin backing 44. Fourth trim level piece 40 is manufactured by first preparing decorative wooden piece 42 having a first surface 45 and a second surface 46 as shown in Figure 5B. Decorative wooden piece first surface 45 is complimentary in shape to the shaped first surface 12 of mold cavity 14. Decorative wooden piece 42 typically consists of one or more layers of wood with a very thin wooden veneer on exposed first surface 45. The wood veneer surface is typically covered with one or more layers of a protective polymer coating such as a urethane, polyester, or acrylic coating.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 4 as follows:

In addition to the trim level pieces described above, the methods of invention are useful for manufacturing automobile buttons, switches, knob covers and so forth that may optionally

include a through hole as a resin feature associated with the exposed surface of the trim level piece. An example of such a trim level piece is shown, ~~is side and front view~~ in Figures 10A and 10B. The button 50 shown in Figures 10A and 10B includes an insert 51 that includes a decorative surface 52, a backing 54 and a through hole 62. When the insert is placed in injection mold 10, resin 55 is applied to backing 54 but some of the resin passes through through hole 62 and fills a feature in the mold having a shape corresponding to decorative resin feature 56 of button 50. Buttons and trim pieces including a variety of decorative resin features can be made according to the methods of this invention. Decorative resin features can include designs, words, emblems, and they can be made using opaque, transparent, and semi-transparent resins that have any color.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 16 as follows:

Another aspect of this invention is, therefore, a resin that is injected into a through hole in a substrate to form a design on the surface of the substrate or a design that can be back-lit. Referring to Figures 11A-11C, 12A-12C and 13A-13C, there is shown trim pieces 60(a), 60(b), and 60(c) that can be made of any material such as plastic, wood or metal to which a resin backing can be applied. Trim pieces 60(b) and 60(c) include an[[d]] optional through hole 62.

Please amend the paragraph beginning of page 15, line 21 as follows:

Referring now to Figures 11A-11C, there is shown an injection mold 10 including a first piece 13 and a second piece 17 that is combined to form a mold cavity 14. A resin injection port

19 provides a path for injecting resin into mold cavity 14 from outside mold 10. Mold cavity 14, as shown in Figure 11A, is in the shape of a button or knob that is useful as an automobile trim piece. Mold cavity 14 further includes a plurality of features 68. Feature 68 may be an indentation, knob, buttons, writings, decorations and so forth. Figure 11B shows trim piece 60(a) that is manufactured from injection mold 10 shown in Figure 11A. Trim piece 60(a) is made entirely of a resin material 70. Trim piece 60(a) includes an exposed surface 67(a) that includes a plurality of resin features ~~68(a)~~ 76. Exposed surface 67(a) and/or features ~~68(a)~~ 76 may be painted or printed as desired to form a decorated trim piece 60(a). Figure 11C is a front view of a decorated trim piece 60(a) including a plurality of resin features ~~68(a)~~ 76 wherein numerals have been printed onto features ~~68(a)~~ 76. Trim piece 60(a) corresponds to first level trim pieces described above.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 14 as follows:

Figures 14A and 14B are side and front views of yet another embodiment of a trim piece 60(d) that can be manufactured by the methods of this invention. Trim piece 60(d) is manufactured using the same mold depicted in Figures 11A, 12A and 13A by placing a pre-shaped metal piece 32 including an adhesive layer 36 in injection mold cavity 14 such that first surface 37 of pre-shaped metal piece 32 abuts first surface 12 of injection mold 10. Pre-shaped metal piece 32 includes a plurality of through holes 62 that correspond to features ~~68~~ 74 in the final trim piece 60(d). After placing preshaped metal piece 32 into the mold, a preformed and optionally predecorated skin 22 including a first surface 24 having one or more ~~features 68~~ indentations 78 is located in mold 10 so that ~~features 68~~ indentations 78 protrude through through holes 62 and contact first surface 12 of injection mold 10. Second surface 26 of

preformed skin 22 may include an adhesive layer 77. Mold 10 is closed and heated resin is injected into mold 10 through resin injection port 19 until cavity 14 is essentially filled with resin to form trim piece 60(b) shown in Figures 14A and 14B. Trim piece 60(d) includes a metal layer 32, an adhesive layer 36, a preformed skin layer 22, a second optional adhesive layer 77 and a resin backing 72. In Figures 14A and 14B, each of the preformed skin covered features 68 74 are part of the preformed skin layer 22. Further, as shown in Figure 14B, skin layer 22 is predecorated so that the final trim piece features 68 74 are printed with numerals.